

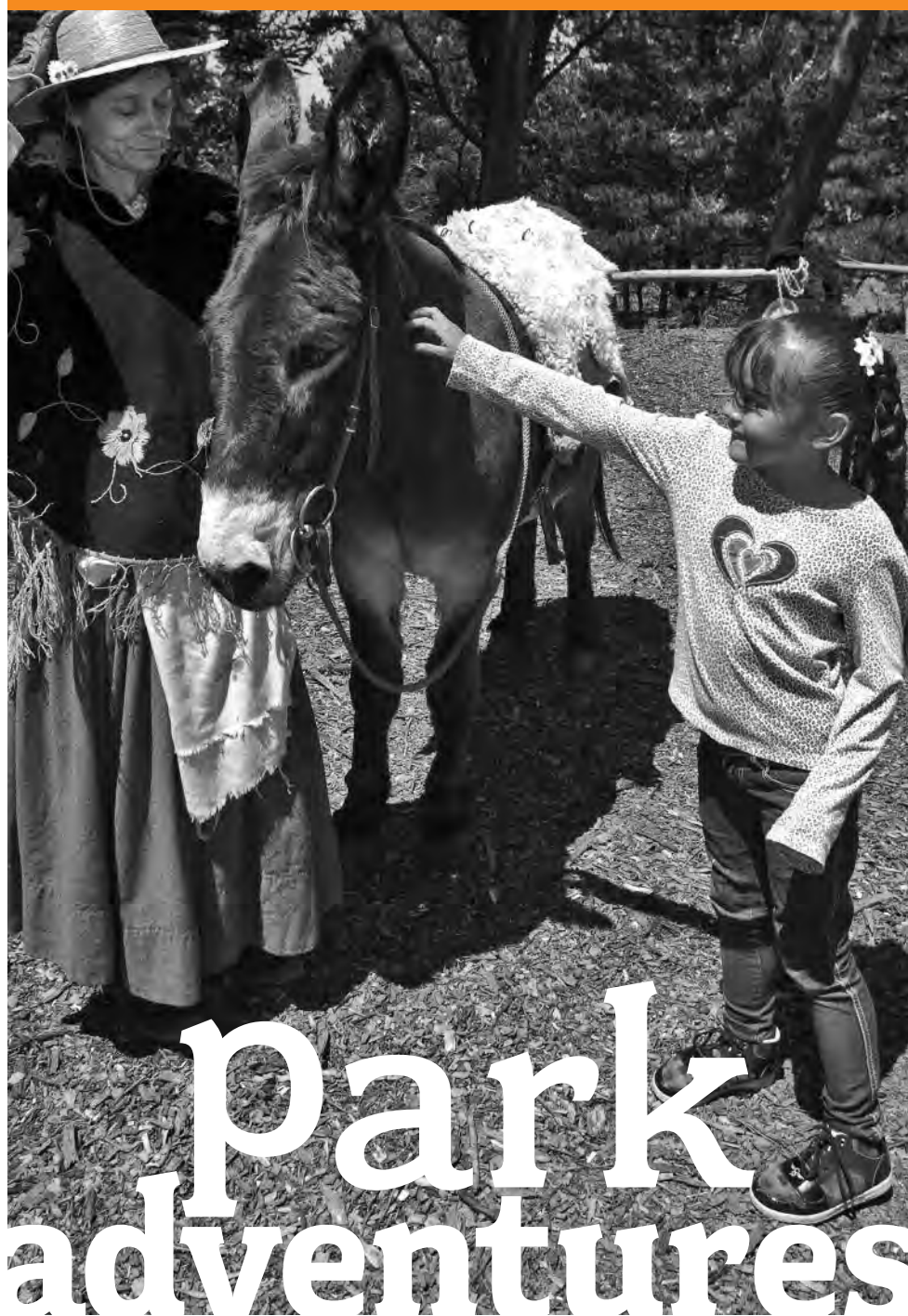
GOLDEN GATE
**NATIONAL
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CONSERVANCY

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FALL calendar & events

SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER 2010



park adventures

P A R K N O T E S

COMPASS POINTS

“Habitats” Installation Art Exhibition Offers New Way to Experience Presidio

Park visitors are invited to explore Presidio Habitats, a site-based art exhibition in the Fort Scott District of the Presidio. Eleven pieces—diverse in approach and material—have been installed along trails and roadways as conceptual habitats for various animal “clients.” Organized by the For-Site Foundation in partnership with the Presidio Trust, this exhibition features a downloadable tour map/guide, a cell phone audio narrative, public programs, and an indoor exhibition pavilion. To learn more, please visit www.presidio.gov/habitats or call (415) 561-5418.

Battery Townsley Reverberates with the Sounds of Experimental Music

The Soundwave Festival, a biannual series of experimental music performances, kicked off this year on June 6 at Battery Townsley, high in the Marin Headlands. This year’s fest, themed “Green Sound,” called on artists to create pieces inspired by—and intertwining with—the natural world. Buoyed by the metallic acoustics of this historic World War II-era fortification, “Resonance at Battery Townsley” stirred the audience. Another piece, “Viscera,” was performed at the battery on August 1. For more information on the performances, visit www.projectsoundwave.com.

New ‘Field School’ Launches Novel Park Collaboration with CSU-Chico

A new cultural resource stewardship program, Concrete Repair Field School, kicks off this month with a project on Alcatraz. The first of its kind for the parklands, the volunteer program is a collaboration between California State University Chico and the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

PARKS CONSERVANCY MEMBERS HIKING SERIES

PRESIDIO ROCKS! GEOLOGY HIKE

Thursday, September 23

2—4:30 PM

Learn the 160-million-year history under the Presidio with Park Ranger Will Elder. This strenuous four-mile hike, from Baker Beach up the Batteries to Bluffs Trail, will show you why the Presidio rocks! See “Presidio” section for full details.

HAWKWATCH ON SLACKER HILL

Thursday, October 14; and Tuesday, October 19

10 AM—1 PM

Come enjoy a birdwatching hike with Golden Gate Raptor Observatory Director Allen Fish! We’ll learn about the annual hawk migration, find out how to spot hawks, and get a hawk banding demonstration. We’ll end up on a helicopter pad overlooking the Bay! See “Marin Headlands” section for details.

WILLIAM KENT SOCIETY HABITATS HIKE

Saturday, October 23

10 AM—1 PM

Join our friends at the Presidio Trust for a behind-the-scenes tour of Presidio Habitats (see story at left).

Enjoy a guided tour of 11 fascinating art pieces along the paths of Fort Scott, followed by a complimentary picnic in the park. See “Presidio” section for details.



OFF-LIMITS ALCATRAZ


Saturday, November 13; Sunday, November 14; Monday, November 15; 11:45 AM each day

Join us for a special tour of Alcatraz just for members! Enjoy exclusive behind-the-scenes access to many of the island’s secret spots that are not open to the public. See “Alcatraz” section for details.

How to Sign Up for Member Events

Members Hiking Series events are free, and registration is required. Confirmation will be e-mailed to you *after* the registration deadline. These events “sell out” and participation in a particular hike is not guaranteed, although we do our best to accommodate everyone.

To register, call (415) 561-3060 or send an e-mail to membership@parksconservancy.org.

Member events are designated by  in the calendar pages. Become a member and support your Golden Gate National Parks! To learn about other benefits of membership, please visit www.parksconservancy.org/membership.

D E S T I N A T I O N

ALCATRAZ AND ANGEL ISLANDS: IN THE MIDDLE OF THE BAY, AT THE CENTER OF OUR HISTORY

By George Durgerian, Park Ranger

INMATE JOHN GILES WORKED ON THE ALCATRAZ DOCK, where U.S. Army vessels dropped off dirty laundry before returning to Fort McDowell on Angel Island. Over the course of ten years, Giles filched from the laundry enough pieces to assemble a full military uniform. On July 31, 1945, Giles put on the uniform and strolled aboard the Army boat. His escape was foiled by a simple headcount. When his boat reached Angel Island, Giles was greeted by officers—and returned to prison. This fall (see sidebar), you can visit both Alcatraz and Angel Islands...with considerably less hassle.

The histories of these islands are intertwined and parallel. The native Miwoks gathered bird eggs on the guano-covered rocks of Alcatraz, and hunted on Angel Island’s vegetated hills. Later, the U.S. Army tied the islands together through its military facilities. To protect the newly-acquired San Francisco Bay, the army built a brick fortress on Alcatraz. During the Civil War, the army held Confederate sympathizers in its brig on Alcatraz, and built Camp Reynolds on Angel Island.



Nike missile site (1955-1962) on south side of Angel Island, with Alcatraz in the background (Park Archives photo)

When the Alcatraz officers’ families wanted to plant a rose garden on the barren Rock, they had to bring in soil from Angel Island. Those gardens continued to prosper until the early 1960s, when they were abandoned. Ongoing restoration by the Garden Conservancy, Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, and National Park Service is bringing these gardens back to vibrant life.

The 20th century drew another parallel between Alcatraz and Angel Island—as both were used to segre-

gate groups of people from the rest of the population. On Alcatraz, of course, the notorious USP Alcatraz was opened in 1934. The penitentiary would eventually hold more than 1,500 of America’s most incorrigible criminals. On Angel Island, the Immigration Station opened in 1910, serving to stem the flow of Chinese immigration, per the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882. Immigrants from Asia were held for weeks or even months on the island, expressing their sorrows and hopes in poems carved into the walls of the detention center—where they still can be seen today.

Through war and peace, the islands have a shared history of liberation and isolation, confinement and release. Now, as a national park (Alcatraz) and state park (Angel Island), they share a common purpose: to teach the stories of those that passed through, and to offer recreation and inspiration for future generations.

Alcatraz/Angel Island Combination Tickets

Through the end of September, Alcatraz Cruises offers a combination ticket for Alcatraz and Angel Island in the same day. For details on this offer, and information on how to reach Angel Island year-round, visit www.alcatrazcruises.com or phone (415) 981-ROCK.

S E P T E M B E R

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HOW TO USE PARK ADVENTURES

Park Adventures features walks, talks, volunteer opportunities, and other programs offered by the National Park Service, the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, and the Presidio Trust. Most programs are free (exceptions noted) and open to the public. The monthly calendar pages list programs by park site, date, and time. Program descriptions follow the calendar pages, are organized by park site, and include full contact and registration information. Program locations, dates, and times are subject to change without notice; please call ahead to verify information.

MARIN HEADLANDS
Battery Townsley Open House NOON–4 PM
Beginning Birding 9:30–11:30 AM
Coastal Defenses of San Francisco 1:30–2:30 PM
Lighthouses of San Francisco Bay 11 AM–NOON
PRESIDIO
A Walk in the Presidio Forest 10 AM–1 PM
The Last Gun 11 AM–3 PM

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PRESIDIO
Concerts at the Presidio 2010
7:30 PM

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7:30 PM

AT MULTIPLE SITES
National Day of Service and Remembrance
CRISSY FIELD CENTER
Birds Around the Marsh 2–3 PM
FORT POINT
Pier Crabbing 10 AM–NOON
MARIN HEADLANDS
Second Saturdays Family Hike & Campfire 6–8 PM
MUIR BEACH
Keep Our Beaches Beautiful 10 AM–NOON

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MARIN HEADLANDS
Rambling Round Rodeo Cove
11 AM–1 PM
MUIR BEACH
Fall Walk on the Dias Ridge Trail
9–11 AM
OCEAN BEACH
Keep Our Beaches Beautiful
10 AM–NOON (@ NORIEGA)

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PRESIDIO
Tennessee Hollow
Watershed
NOON–1 PM

PRESIDIO
From Post to Park
1–3 PM

PRESIDIO
National Cemetery Walk
10 AM–NOON

CRISSY FIELD CENTER
Tour of the New
Crissy Field Center
4–4:45 PM
PRESIDIO
Walk Crissy Field
and Learn Its History
11 AM–12:30 PM

FORT POINT
Pier Crabbing 10 AM–NOON
PRESIDIO
Crissy Field Cleanup Day 9 AM
Three Flags of the Presidio 11 AM–NOON

MARIN HEADLANDS
Hawk Walk (for adults)
10:30 AM–1:30 PM
OCEAN BEACH
Keep Our Beaches Beautiful
10 AM–NOON (@ STAIRWELL #17)
PRESIDIO
Pedaling the Presidio 1–3 PM
SWEENEY RIDGE
The Russians are Coming!
NOON–3 PM

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MARIN HEADLANDS
Sunset/Full Moon Walk
to Point Bonita Lighthouse
6:30–8:30 PM
MUIR WOODS
Muir Woods After Hours
5:30–7:30 PM
PRESIDIO
Presidio Rocks!
Geology Hike  2–4:30 PM

AT MULTIPLE SITES
California Coastal Cleanup Day & National Public Lands Day
FORT BAKER Historic Fort Baker Tour 1–2 PM
FORT POINT Pier Crabbing 10 AM–NOON
MARIN HEADLANDS
Coastal Cleanup Day in the Headlands 9:30 AM–NOON
MUIR BEACH/STINSON BEACH Coastal Cleanup Day 9 AM–NOON
MUIR WOODS National Public Lands Day/Fee Free Day
PRESIDIO
Presidio Birdlife 9:30–11:30 AM
National Cemetery Walk 10 AM–NOON



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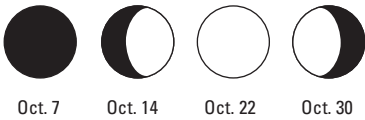
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SATURDAY



PRESIDIO
Shuttle Through Time
11–11:45 AM

CRISSY FIELD CENTER
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FORT FUNSTON Cleanup Day 9:30 AM
FORT POINT Pier Crabbing 10 AM–NOON
MARIN HEADLANDS
Nike Missile Site Open House 12:30–3:30 PM
Book Signing: Continental Defense 1–3 PM
PRESIDIO
Geology of the Golden Gate Headlands 10 AM–3 PM
The Last Gun 11 AM–3 PM

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MARIN HEADLANDS
Battery Townsley Open House NOON–4 PM
Book Signing: Continental Defense 1–3 PM
Coastal Defenses of San Francisco 1:30–2:30 PM
Lighthouses of San Francisco Bay 11 AM–NOON

OCEAN BEACH
Keep Our Beaches Beautiful
10 AM–NOON (@ SANTIAGO)

PRESIDIO
The Last Gun
11 AM–3 PM

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PRESIDIO
National
Cemetery Walk
10 AM–NOON

AT MULTIPLE SITES
Teens on Trails (Indigenous Peoples Day) 9:30 AM–12:30 PM
MARIN HEADLANDS
Family Campfire Overnight NOON–10/10 (1:30 PM)
Second Saturdays Family Hike & Campfire 6–8 PM
MUIR BEACH
Redwood Creek Watershed Discovery Hike 9:30 AM–12:30 PM
Keep Our Beaches Beautiful 10 AM–NOON
PHLEGER ESTATE Saved at the Buzzer 9:30 AM–2:30 PM
PRESIDIO Crissy Field Aviation Walk 10 AM–NOON

MARIN HEADLANDS
Beginning Birding
9:30–11:30 AM
Family-Friendly Hawk Walk
10:30 AM–1:30 PM
MUIR WOODS
Redwood Splendor 9–11 AM

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AT MULTIPLE SITES
Make a
Difference Day
PRESIDIO
Tennessee Hollow
Story
NOON–1 PM

PRESIDIO
From Post to Park
1–3 PM

MARIN HEADLANDS
Hawkwatch
on Slacker Hill  10 AM–1 PM

CRISSY FIELD CENTER
Tour of the New
Crissy Field Center
4–4:45 PM
PRESIDIO
Walk Crissy Field
and Learn Its History
11 AM–12:30 PM

FORT POINT
Pier Crabbing
10 AM–NOON
PRESIDIO
Crissy Field Cleanup Day
9 AM
Shuttle Through Time
11–11:45 AM

MILAGRA RIDGE
Of Bombs and Butterflies
NOON–2 PM
OCEAN BEACH
Keep Our Beaches Beautiful
10 AM–NOON (@ STAIRWELL #17)
PRESIDIO
The Guns of San Francisco
10 AM–NOON

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MARIN HEADLANDS
Hawkwatch
on Slacker Hill  10 AM–1 PM

MARIN HEADLANDS
Sunset/Full Moon
Walk to Point Bonita
Lighthouse
6–8 PM
MUIR WOODS
Muir Woods
After Hours
5–7 PM

FORT POINT
Pier Crabbing
10 AM–NOON
MARIN HEADLANDS
Family Explorers Sail
9:30 AM–NOON
PRESIDIO
William Kent Society Habitats Hike  10 AM–1 PM
Three Flags of the Presidio
11 AM–NOON

MARIN HEADLANDS
Harvest Festival and Halloween Mask Workshop
1:30–4 PM

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PRESIDIO
The Haunted Presidio
6:30–8 PM

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FORT BAKER
Historic Fort Baker Tour 1–2 PM
FORT POINT
Pier Crabbing 10 AM–NOON
LANDS END
Shipwrecks at the Golden Gate 11 AM–NOON
PRESIDIO
National Cemetery Walk 10 AM–NOON
The Haunted Presidio 6:30–8 PM

N O V E M B E R

SUNDAY

MONDAY

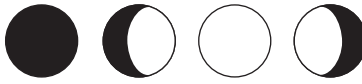
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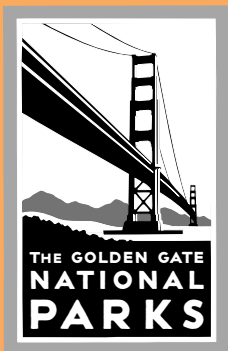
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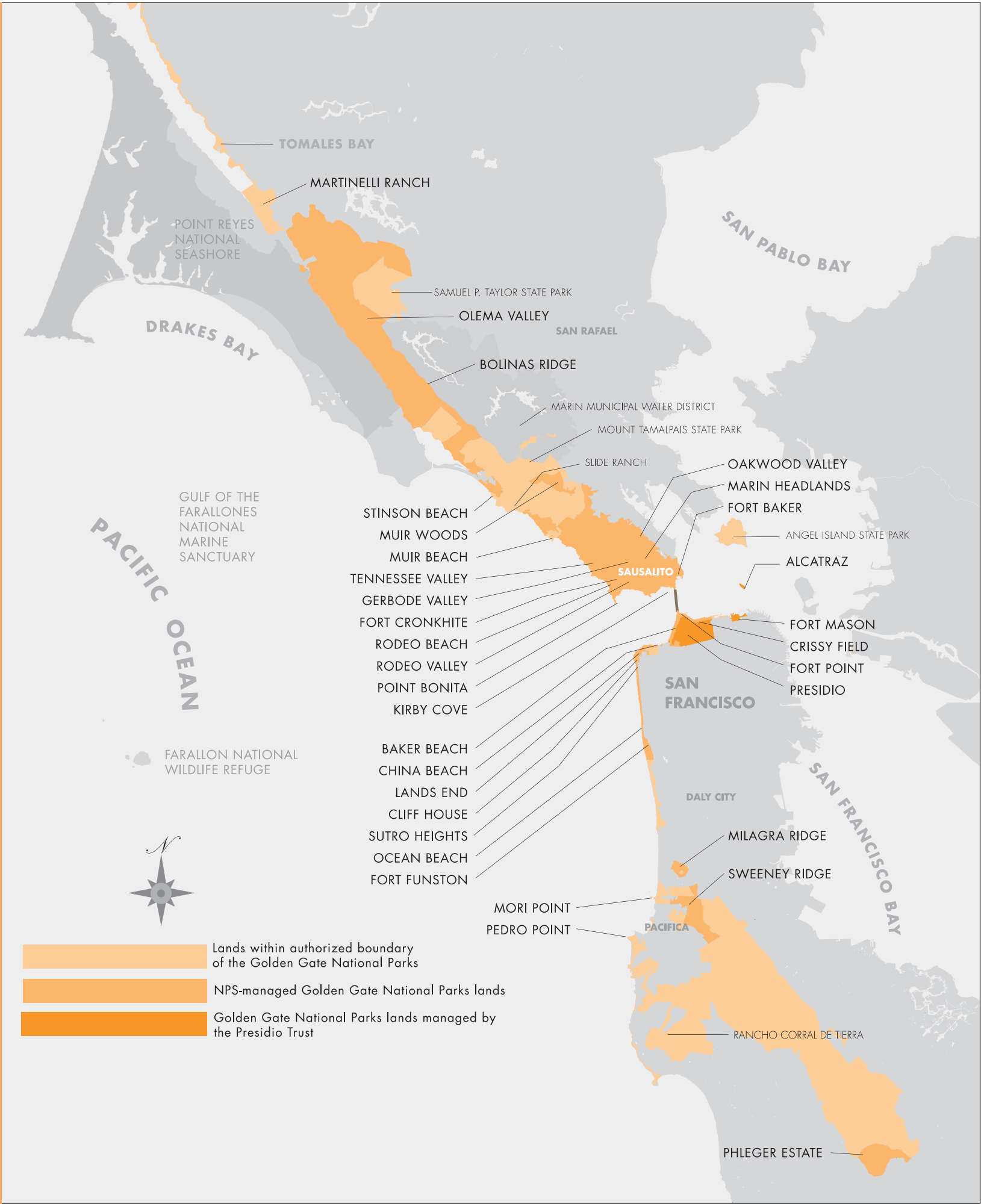
SATURDAY

						CRISSY FIELD CENTER A Walk with Juan Bautista De Anza 1–3 PM FORT FUNSTON Cleanup Day 9:30 AM MARIN HEADLANDS Nike Missile Site Open House 12:30–3:30 PM Colonies, Flocks, Packs, and Pods: Animal Families of the Headlands 1–4 PM MUIR WOODS Time Travel Among the Redwoods 9–11:30 AM PRESIDIO The Last Gun 11 AM–3 PM Shuttle Through Time 11–11:45 AM SWEENEY RIDGE San Francisco Bay Discovery Day Hike 10 AM PRESENTATION, 11 AM–2 PM HIKE
MARIN HEADLANDS Battery Townsley Open House NOON–4 PM Coastal Defenses of San Francisco 1:30–2:30 PM Lighthouses of San Francisco Bay 11 AM–NOON OCEAN BEACH Keep Our Beaches Beautiful 10 AM–NOON (@ SLOAT) PRESIDIO The Last Gun 11 AM–3 PM Three Flags of the Presidio 1–3 PM	1	2	3	4	5	6
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MARIN HEADLANDS Family Friendly Nature Art 10:30 AM–1:30 PM Sunset/Full Moon Walk to Point Bonita Lighthouse 4:30–6:30 PM MUIR WOODS Listening to Muir Woods After Dark 3:30–5:30 PM OCEAN BEACH Keep Our Beaches Beautiful 10 AM–NOON (@ STAIRWELL #17)						FORT POINT Candlelight Tour 6:30–8 PM
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Alcatraz Island
Baker Beach
Bolinas Ridge
China Beach
Cliff House
Crissy Field
Fort Baker
Fort Cronkhite
Fort Funston
Fort Mason
Fort Point
Gerbode Valley
Kirby Cove

Lands End
Marin Headlands
Martinelli Ranch
Milagra Ridge
Mori Point
Muir Beach
Muir Woods
Oakwood Valley
Ocean Beach
Olema Valley
Pedro Point
Phleger Estate
Point Bonita
Presidio
Rodeo Beach
Rodeo Valley
Stinson Beach
Sutro Heights
Sweeney Ridge
Tennessee Valley



PARK EVENTS

AT MULTIPLE SITES

ONGOING

Golden Gate Trail Crew

Third Saturdays (9 AM—NOON)

Join the Trails Forever Team and our Golden Gate trail crew of volunteers to help repair, maintain and enhance trails, and protect sensitive natural habitat throughout the Golden Gate National Parks. For project locations and details, contact us at 561-3044, volunteer@parksconservancy.org or visit www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer.

The Presidio Trail Crew meets second Tuesdays of the month, from 10 AM to 1 PM.

Habitat Restoration Team

Sundays (9:30 AM—2:30 PM)

The Habitat Restoration Team, established in 1988, engages community members in the management and enhancement of the Golden Gate National Parks. Volunteers and staff meet weekly at different scenic locations to restore the parks' native habitat by removing invasive plants, transplanting native plants, and seed collecting (spring through fall). Appropriate for adults and youth (chaperones are suggested for youth under age 18). Meeting locations vary; please phone 561-4747 for locations, directions, and carpool availability.



Invasive Plant Patrol

Wednesdays (10 AM—2 PM)

The Invasive Plant Patrol hikes park trails to find new invasions of exotic plants, and removes localized infestations before they become uncontrolled. You'll learn to identify both

malicious and benign plants during these hikes that last approximately four hours. Appropriate for adults and youth (chaperones are suggested for youth under age 18). Meeting locations vary, and work dates are sometimes intermittent; phone 331-0732 to register.

PARK STEWARDSHIP

■ Marin County

Saturdays, 10 AM—1 PM

■ San Francisco

Thursdays and Saturdays, 1—4 PM

■ San Mateo County

Saturdays, 10 AM—1 PM

The Park Stewardship Program works to restore and maintain priority parklands within the Golden Gate National Parks. Whether pro-

tecting an endangered species, restoring a historic feature, or improving a trail, community support is the key to ensuring the long term protection of these unique park sites. Work day events include a combination of hands-on service and short natural or cultural history lessons. Come out and lend a hand! For schedule details, contact us at 561-3044, volunteer@parksconservancy.org, or visit www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer.

All phone numbers are area code (415) unless otherwise noted.

CC Indicates a program that is closed-captioned.

♿ Indicates either full or partial wheelchair accessibility.



MAKE DOUBLE THE DIFFERENCE

California Coastal Cleanup Day & National Public Lands Day 9/25

Celebrate California Coastal Cleanup Day and National Public Lands Day at Golden Gate in one day! This year both annual events fall on the same day, so you can feel a double sense of accomplishment. We will focus our efforts on coastal and inland cleanup throughout the park, but will also have habitat, landscape, and trail restoration project options. In an effort to conserve bags, reduce plastic,

and limit waste, the BYO campaign will continue this year—we are asking volunteers to make an effort to bring their own reusable bags, buckets, gloves, etc. (supplies will also be available). It's your park, it's your public land, it's your coastline. Please pitch in and make a difference! Contact us at 561-3077 or volunteer@parksconservancy.org.

PARK EVENTS

Weed Watchers

Times vary, call ahead

Weed Watchers patrol national park trails in San Mateo, San Francisco, and Marin counties, detecting and mapping weeds as they first invade. If you enjoy leisurely hikes through the parks but also want to help protect natural resources, then this is the perfect opportunity for you.

Volunteers are trained in identification of priority invasive plants along with the methods to map and report their findings. After attending a training session, volunteers can join any of the weekly guided surveys or adopt their own trails. GPS training is also provided for those interested. Appropriate for adults and teens. Registration required. For more information, call 331-5023 or e-mail jenn_jordan@nps.gov.

PROGRAMS

Make a Difference Day 10/12

Make A Difference Day is the most encompassing national day of helping others. Make plans in the Golden Gate National Parks and make a difference in your national park, make a difference in your community, and make a difference with your friends and family. Head to Golden Gate to

explore, play, exercise, or volunteer and bring your friends and family—it all makes a difference. Visit www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer for more information, or contact us at 561-3044 or volunteer@parksconservancy.org.

National Day of Service and Remembrance 9/11

Be part of the nationwide movement to honor and remember 9/11 through service and lend a hand at Golden Gate, your "local" national park. Help your community by caring for your park—repair trails, restore habitat and open space, grow plants, clean beaches, and more. Join one of our Saturday programs or schedule a special group project. Contact us at 561-3044 or volunteer@parksconservancy.org.

Teens on Trails

Indigenous Peoples Day 10/9
Veterans Day 11/11
(9:30 AM—12:30 PM)

Use your day off as a "day on" and celebrate the holiday by helping restore your national park. Venture outside, grab a tool, and have some fun! This project is just for teens so come with friends, classmates, or your school club. Join the Trails Forever Team to do trail maintenance

and habitat restoration along some of the most scenic trails in the park. For project location and more information please e-mail volunteer@parksconservancy.org or call 567-3077.

ALCATRAZ



Open daily (except for Thanksgiving, December 25, and January 1). Join ranger-led programs, use self-guiding brochures, and take the compelling cellhouse audio tour to learn about this historic island.

A captioned video introduction about Alcatraz history is shown every 30 minutes in the island theater. Additional exhibits containing Alcatraz artifacts and other historic items are located in the new museum store in the basement level of the cellhouse. Phone 561-4900, 9 AM to 4 PM, for program and general information.

Daily ferry service to Alcatraz originates at Pier 33, and the cellhouse audio tour can be purchased with ferry tickets. Visit www.alcatrazcruises.com or phone 981-ROCK

for ticket reservations. Note: Alcatraz tickets frequently sell out as much as one week in advance.

Visit the Alcatraz website at www.nps.gov/alcatraz.

Accessibility Features

■ The SEAT (shuttle) transport is available for wheelchair users and visitors physically unable to walk up the quarter-mile, 12 percent-grade hill to the cellhouse. Children under 14 must be escorted by an adult; service animals allowed.

■ Ask at Pier 33 for the loan of an assistive listening device for the duration of your visit.

■ Transcripts of the cellhouse audio tour are available for hearing-impaired visitors.

■ Ask about the visually accessible descriptor version of the audio tour.

■ Braille versions of the cellhouse audio tour are available for vision-impaired visitors.

■ Stationary ranger programs, provided at least once daily, are marked on the island's program board with a wheelchair symbol.

■ Please ask about accommodations for any program given.



ONGOING


Ranger-led Programs

These programs are offered daily by staff and volunteers. Ask at the dock-level ranger station for times, locations, and program topics, which include:

- Alcatraz Is Indian Land
- Escapes
- Fortress Alcatraz
- The Natural Side of the Rock
- 200 Years on the Rock
- US Penitentiary Alcatraz Island

PARK EVENTS

Off-Limits Alcatraz

11/13, 11/14, 11/15
(11:45 AM) 

Join us for a special tour of Alcatraz just for members! Enjoy exclusive behind-the-scenes access to many of the island's secret spots that are not open to the public, including the "dungeon" and hospital.



The audio tour is also provided after the private tour. Please dress warmly, wear comfortable shoes, and eat lunch beforehand.

\$10 reduced Alcatraz admission per person. **Required lottery registration deadline: Tuesday, October 12.**

Note: This event fills up quickly and space is limited; your registration enters you into a lottery for attendance. We will collect a credit card number when you register. We will contact everyone via e-mail to confirm your spot and run credit cards on October 13.

To register or to become a Parks Conservancy member, call 561-3060 or e-mail membership@parksconservancy.org.

Alcatraz Historic Gardens

The gardens, once created by military and federal prison staff and inmates on San Francisco's Alcatraz Island, are being reclaimed as a joint project of the Garden Conservancy, the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, and the National Park Service.

■ Open Gardens

Wednesdays, (10 AM—NOON)

■ Guided Docent Tours

Fridays and Sundays (9:30 AM on the Alcatraz dock; take 9 AM boat)

■ Gardens Volunteers

Wednesdays and Fridays,
(8:30 AM—12:30 PM)

Help join the effort and volunteer!

Docents and gardeners needed! Visit www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer for application and details. Please note that registration is required for this program.

We Hold the Rock

In 1969, a group of Native Americans began a highly publicized, 19-month occupation of Alcatraz Island. This marked the beginning of a modern Indian movement of America's indigenous people. This award-winning, permanent exhibit features photographs, music, video clips, and contemporary interviews with former occupiers.

Alcatraz Night Tour

Feel a chill run down your spine as you venture into dark corners of this old island prison! Limited to just a few hundred visitors, the Alcatraz Night Tour programs include special topics, tours, and activities not offered during daytime hours.

For more information, visit www.parksconservancy.org. Buy boat tickets well in advance, as they sell out quickly.

For tickets, visit www.alcatrazcruises.com or phone 981-ROCK for ticket reservations. For program information, phone 561-4926.

CLIFF HOUSE

Enjoy views of the Pacific Ocean and Seal Rocks from the public outdoor terraces of the Cliff House. The Cliff House Restaurant is open seven days a week for lunch and dinner; phone 386-3330 for reservations.

The Camera Obscura on the lower terrace is open seven days a week, weather permitting; phone 750-0415 for more information. Visit the Cliff House website at www.nps.gov/goga/clho.htm.

CRISSY FIELD CENTER

The Crissy Field Center location at 603 Mason St. in the Presidio is closed during the Presidio Parkway (Doyle Drive) project, although Café Crissy at that address will remain open to the public.

Center programs and operations are now located in the interim Center at the eastern end of East Beach. The new facility, a showcase of sustainable design and construction, features the Beach Hut café which is open to the public seven days a week, 9 AM to 5 PM.

Operated cooperatively by the National Park Service and the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, the Crissy Field Center encourages new generations to be bold leaders for thriving parks, healthy communities, and a more environmentally just society.

The Center offers a variety of educational programs, including week-end workshops for youth and families, summer camps, and seasonal events.

Most programs are fee-based and



PARK EVENTS

suitable for all ages unless otherwise noted.

For registration and scholarship information, call 561-7765 or visit our website www.crisseyfield.org.

A partial listing follows. Some Crissy Field Center programs require reservations. Pre-registration is recommended for most programs, but drop-ins are welcome on a space-available basis. All programs meet at the new Crissy Field Center location, with exceptions indicated.

ONGOING

Crissy Field Mystery Trail Challenge

Available every day, 9 AM—4 PM

Recommended for families and groups with children ages 5 to 10. Calling all seaside sleuths! Grab a magnifying glass and get down to the Warming Hut, near the fishing pier at the western end of Crissy Field. Once there, you'll find a booklet that directs you down the Mystery Trail in search of the first clue. There are nine secret plaques altogether, hidden along a one-mile waterfront trail—can you find them all? A prize awaits you if you can! Free.

For groups of 20 or more, please call 561-3040 to ensure that adequate supplies are available.

PROGRAMS

A Walk with Juan Bautista De Anza

11/6 (1—3 PM)

"Vayan subiendo! (Mount up!)" This was a familiar call from Spanish Lt. Colonel Anza during the historic 1,200-mile expedition up from Sonora to San Francisco Bay in 1775-76. Listen to untold stories of the unique Afro-Latino and European immigration to settle Alta California and learn of the people, places, and things that helped make this dream a reality. Meet Ranger Eddie Arias at the Officers' Club, corner of Moraga Ave. and Arguello Blvd. Free: All ages welcome. Reservations required; visit www.crisseyfield.org to register. For more information about the program registration, please call 561-7765.

Birds Around the Marsh

9/11 (2—3 PM)

Birds, birds, birds all around! Using your detective skills, come help us find the birds of Crissy Field. We will use binoculars and data collection sheets and have a fun adventure in-

vestigating the Crissy Field Marsh. Meet Ranger Fatima Colindres in front of the Crissy Field Center, 1199 East Beach, in the Presidio of San Francisco. Free: Designed for families with young children, but all ages welcome. Reservations required; visit www.crisseyfield.org to register. For more information about the program registration, please call 561-7765.

Blue Moon Night Walk

11/20 (5—6 PM)

Songs and stories under a full moon—what more could one ask for? Bundle up and join us on a fun story filled walk on Crissy Field under the "blue moon" of November. Free: All ages welcome. Meet Ranger Fatima Colindres in front of the Crissy Field Center, 1199 East Beach, in the Presidio of San Francisco. Reservations required; visit www.crisseyfield.org to register. For more information about the program registration, please call 561-7765.

Ohlone, The First Stewards

10/2 (10—11:30 AM)

Enjoy an easy half-mile walk around Crissy Field Marsh and hear about the intimate relationship native

coastal Ohlone people once had with the San Francisco Peninsula! Discover how they fished, hunted animals, gathered plants—and how children played games.

Learn how the Ohlone managed the land well before recent restoration efforts, demonstrating that they served as the first stewards of the natural landscape we know today as Golden Gate National Recreation Area.


Free: Designed for families with young children (strollers welcome), but all ages welcome. Meet Ranger Eddie Arias in front of the Crissy Field Center Plaza at 1199 East Beach, Presidio of San Francisco. Reservations required; visit www.crisseyfield.org to register. For more information about program registration, please call 561-7765.

Tour of the New Crissy Field Center

9/17, 10/15, 11/19 (4—4:45 PM)

What's new with the Crissy Field Center? Everything! Come learn more about this "green" building and its many new eco-friendly features—rainwater capture system, EcoClad siding, clerestory windows, and more!—on a 45-minute ranger-led tour.

Free: All ages welcome. Reservations required; visit www.crisseyfield.org to register.

For more information about the program registration, please call 561-7765. Meet at the Crissy Field Center, 1199 East Beach, in the Presidio of San Francisco. 

FORT BAKER

ONGOING

Fort Baker Stewardship

First Mondays (10 AM—NOON)



Help grow and care for landscapes at historic Fort Baker to enhance the visitor experience and preserve this national historic site. For more information, call 289-3112

or e-mail joe_huang@nps.gov.

PROGRAMS

Historic Fort Baker Tour

9/25, 10/30 (1—2 PM)

Come visit Fort Baker's historic Colonial Revival buildings and learn how this 1905 army post represented a new and improved standard of living for the officers and soldiers stationed here. Meet architectural

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historian Kristin Baron at the Cavallo Point reception building, 601 Murray Circle. This easy, one-mile walk has one slightly steep hill climb. Program limited to 20 people; heavy rain cancels. For reservations and parking information, call 331-1540.

FORT FUNSTON

ONGOING

Fort Funston Cleanup Day

9/4, 10/2, 11/6 (9:30 AM)

Bring dogs, friends, and family to help keep Fort Funston clean for everyone; held in conjunction with Fort Funston Dogwalkers. Bring gloves; trash bags are provided. Volunteers meet on the first Saturday morning of the month in the parking lot. For more information, phone Fort Funston Dogs at 468-1262.

Fort Funston Nursery and Stewardship/The Fort Funston Green Team

Saturdays (9:30 AM—12:30 PM)

The Fort Funston Nursery, one of five native plant nurseries in the park, grows 25,000 plants per year. The Green Team volunteers participate in seed collection, propagation, transplanting, pruning, weeding, and outplanting. Appropriate for

adults and youth ages 10 and up (chaperones are suggested for youth under age 18).

RSVP is requested; phone 239-4247 for information, registration, and directions.

FORT MASON

ONGOING

Fort Mason Gardeners

Times vary, call ahead

Work with National Park Service gardeners—and enjoy views of the Golden Gate Bridge from Fort Mason, home to Golden Gate National Recreation Area (and Parks Conservancy) headquarters.

Appropriate for adults and youth (chaperones suggested for youth under age 18). Meet in front of Building 112 (near Phil Burton statue). Registration required; phone 561-4199 for more information and to RSVP.

FORT POINT

The fort will be open on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, from 10 AM to 5 PM. Phone 556-1693 to verify access hours. For more information, visit the Fort Point website at www.nps.gov/fopo.



ONGOING

“Building the Golden Gate Bridge”

Video made by Bethlehem Steel on the construction of this national engineering landmark.

Cannon Loading Demonstrations

Discover how soldiers were taught to load and fire a Napoleon 12-pounder cannon as part of a typical Civil War artillery drill.

“Fort Point, Guardian of the Golden Gate”

Award-winning, 30-minute video program about the history of Fort Point from 1776 through World War II. Shown throughout the day.

The Fort Point staff offers a variety of programs; a schedule is posted at the Fort's entrance.

PROGRAMS

Pier Crabbing:

9/4, 9/11, 9/18, 9/25, 10/2, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30 (10 AM—NOON)

Learn about crabbing in San Francisco Bay. We'll discuss bait, equipment, and regulations, then let you try your luck with our nets. Reservations required; phone 556-1693.

Candlelight Tour

11/27 (6:30—8 PM)

See Fort Point by the light of candles and stars on this evening tour. Reservations required; phone 556-1693.

LANDS END

ONGOING

Park Stewardship: San Francisco

Thursdays and Saturdays (1—4 PM)

Become a Park Steward and help restore unique San Francisco coastal habitat and enhance our trail systems at Lands End and along the Presidio bluffs. Volunteer activities include weeding, watering, seed collection, litter removal, sign and fence maintenance, and planting. Join us for an afternoon of outdoor fun and hands-on education. Appropriate for adults, families, and youth ages 14 and up (chaperones are suggested for youth under age 18). Meeting locations vary; phone 385-3065 for details.

PROGRAMS

Shipwrecks at the Golden Gate

9/4, 10/30, 11/13 (11 AM—NOON)

Learn about some of the ships that perished on the rocks of the Golden Gate. Meet docent Rich Harned at the USS San Francisco Memorial lot on El Camino del Mar, just north of 48th and Point Lobos avenues. Reservations required; 561-4323.

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MARIN HEADLANDS



The Marin Headlands Visitor Center, once an army chapel, is open daily, 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM, and is a great place to begin your park explorations, relax after a hike, or

enjoy our award-winning exhibits. Please note the Visitor Center is open every day of the year except Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

Park visitors with limited mobility can navigate the sands of Rodeo Beach by using a sand wheel-chair (purchased with the help of a Whale Tale Grant from the California Coastal Commission). The chair is available free-of-charge, and can be checked out with advanced reservations at the Marin Headlands Visitor Center; call 331-1540.

Unless otherwise noted, all programs require reservations. For general information and to make reservations, phone the Marin Headlands Visitor Center at 331-1540. Information is available online at www.nps.gov/marin-headlands.htm.

ONGOING

Battery Townsley Open House

9/5, 10/3, 11/7 (NOON—4 PM)

Open the first Sunday of each month. Battery Townsley at Fort Cronkhite was San Francisco's most extensive—and most secret—World War II military fortification. From 1940 to 1948, it mounted two massive battleship guns and housed more than 100 soldiers in an extensive network of underground tunnels; during the Cold War, it was used as an underground research facility.

Long closed to public access, Battery

Townsley has been refurbished and the public is invited to visit and explore this labyrinthine fortification. Battery Townsley is reached via a moderately strenuous hike up the Coastal Trail approximately half-mile north of the Rodeo Beach parking lot. For further assistance to the site, call 331-1540.

Marin Headlands Junior Rangers

Calling all Junior Rangers! A fun opportunity for young people, ages 8-12, to explore the Marin Headlands is now available free from the Visitor Center. Pick up your booklet and take the day to learn the area's fas-

cinating stories. Become a Marin Headlands Junior Ranger on your next visit.

Marin Headlands Nursery

Wednesdays (1—4 PM), Saturdays (9 AM—NOON)

Come grow with us at the Marin Headlands Native Plant Nursery! Each year, we grow over 30,000 plants to restore habitats within the Marin Headlands.

The dedication and support of our volunteers are vital in the effort to grow plants, collect seeds, maintain the nursery facility, and much more. Appropriate for adults and youth ages 11 and up (chaperones suggested for youth under age 18). RSVP requested; phone 332-5193 for information.

Marine Mammal Center Docent Tours

Thursdays and Saturdays (1 PM & 3 PM)

Enjoy a one hour docent-led tour! Our docent will guide participants around the exhibits and viewing areas, providing insights into the work of the Center and telling the stories of our seal and sea lion patients. The Center is open daily, 10 AM—5 PM. Check available tour dates and times

at <http://marinemammalcenter.eventbrite.com>.

Nike Missile Site Open House

9/4, 10/2, 11/6 (12:30—3:30 PM)

Open the first Saturday of each month, and Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons. Unique in the National Park Service, this restored Cold War anti-aircraft missile site has intriguing stories to tell. Leashed pets are welcome. For updated visiting hours or tours, phone 331-1453. Buildings above ground are wheelchair accessible. Visit the Nike Missile website at www.nps.gov/nike-missile-site.htm.

Park Stewardship: Marin County

Saturdays, 10 AM—1 PM

Become a Park Steward and help restore critical habitat and enhance our trail systems in key sites in Marin, such as Oakwood Valley, Wolfback Ridge, and Muir Beach/Dias Ridge. Join us for outdoor fun and hands-on education—while making a real difference for your national parks! Meeting locations vary; phone 561-3044 or e-mail volunteer@parksconservancy.org or visit www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer for full details.

Hawkwatch on Slacker Hill 10/14, 10/19 (10 AM—1 PM)

Come enjoy a birdwatching hike with Golden Gate Raptor Observatory Director Allen Fish! We'll learn about the annual hawk migration, find out how to spot hawks, and get a hawk-banding demonstration from Buzz Hull. We'll hike up the Coastal Trail to Slacker Hill, passing two banding sites and coastal scrub habitat, and end up on a helicopter pad overlooking the Bay and the Golden Gate Bridge.

The hike is steep, so participants should be comfortable with the slope, but we'll walk up slowly. Bring binoculars if you have them, and bring your lunch if you'd like to stay on Slacker Hill and picnic afterward.

Free. **Required registration deadline: Monday, September 27.** To register for this members event or to become a Parks Conservancy member, call 561-3060 or e-mail membership@parksconservancy.org.

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Point Bonita Lighthouse

Open Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays (12:30—3:30 PM)

Meet Point Bonita docents along the lighthouse trail. This hidden, historic setting offers breathtaking views and many stories. The half-mile trail is steep in places. For more information, phone 331-1540. Visit the Point Bonita Lighthouse website at www.nps.gov/pobo.htm.

Tennessee Valley Native Plant Nursery and Stewardship

Tuesdays (10 AM—NOON, 1—4 PM)

The Tennessee Valley Nursery grows plants for more than a dozen restoration sites in the park, from Olema to the Marin Headlands. Help improve native habitat by removing invasive plants, out planting, trans-

planting seedlings, pruning, and seed collecting. Appropriate for adults and youth ages 15 and up (chaperones suggested for youth under age 18). RSVP requested; phone 331-0732 for information.

PROGRAMS

Beginning Birding

9/5, 10/10, 11/14 (9:30—11:30 AM)

Explore the shore of Rodeo Lagoon with volunteer Jane Haley to discover what birds can be found here in the fall. Bring binoculars and field guides. For ages 8 and up; no pets. Rain cancels. For reservations call 331-1540.

Book Signing and Talk: Continental Defense and the Nike Missile Site

10/2, 10/3 (1—3 PM)

Dr. Christopher J. Bright, a Cold War historian, has published a new book, *Continental Defense in the Eisenhower Era: Nuclear Antiaircraft Arms and the Cold War*, offering remarkable new insights into how the United States coped with the ever-present threat of nuclear attack during the height of the Cold War.

Join Dr. Bright at the Marin Headlands Visitor Center and the historic Nike Missile Site for a talk and book

signing—and a chance to learn more about what these awesome and dangerous weapons really meant to people at the time. For information, phone 331-1540.

Coastal Cleanup Day in the Headlands

9/25 (9:30 AM—NOON)

Celebrate the 26th Annual California Coastal Cleanup Day with stewardship at Rodeo Lagoon. Lend a hand to help care for our marine environment. Meet at the picnic table by the Rodeo Beach Bridge. E-mail familypprograms@naturebridge.org for information.

Coastal Defenses of San Francisco Bay

9/5, 10/3, 11/7 (1:30—2:30 PM)

The Coastal Defenses of San Francisco Bay have played an important part in major historical events, including the end of the Mexican American war, the Gold Rush, California statehood, the Civil War, WWI, and WWII. Each event prompted further improvements to coastal defense capabilities. Join docent Warren Riley for an illustrated presentation of the Coastal Defenses of San Francisco Bay (1850 to 1950). We will be discussing the advancements and thinking behind the

many attempts to provide this critical area with the best and most advanced defenses of the day. For reservations, phone 331-1540.

Colonies, Flocks, Packs, and Pods: Animal Families of the Headlands

11/6 (1—4 PM)

Join us for a day outdoors and discover the unique familial characteristics of animals who call the Marin Headlands home. Learn how female seals find their pups among the ocean currents, listen for quails calling to their covey, and find out which animal family is called a “murder!” Meet at the Headlands Institute campus. E-mail familypprograms@naturebridge.org for reservations and information.

Family Campfire Overnight

10/9 (NOON)—10/10 (1:30 PM)

It's gorgeous this time of year in the Marin Headlands! Join us for a fun-filled day and night, hiking and playing along the sea.

Check-in at YMCA Point Bonita between NOON and 1 PM, then spend the afternoon at the Point Bonita Lighthouse and participating in fun team-building games and activities. Then after our afternoon free-time

and a delicious dinner, we will gather under the stars and around the campfire! Late Sunday morning, will join the Family-Friendly Hawk Walk and see what kinds of migrating raptors we can glimpse! Easy to moderate hiking grades; 1—2 miles.

Pre-registration required by September 30. \$95/adult, \$85/youth (includes dinner, accommodations, breakfast, & bagged lunch). Call 331-9622 for details or to pre-register.

Family Explorers Sail

10/23 (9:30 AM—NOON)

Set sail for family adventure on the schooner *Seaward*. The Headlands Institute has partnered with Call of the Sea to create this unique 2½ - hour sailing experience. Sail departs from the dock outside Bay Model, Sausalito. E-mail familypprograms@naturebridge.org for reservations and information.

Family-Friendly Hawk Walk

10/10 (10:30 AM—1:30 PM)

Bring your whole family for a fun-filled day exploring the world of raptors with incredible views of San Francisco and the Bay Area!

An experienced YMCA Point Bonita naturalist will lead you in search of birds of prey in the spectacular

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Marin Headlands. You will play games about the birds and learn the behaviors and identifying characteristics of many of the raptors that migrate through here in the fall.

Meet at YMCA Point Bonita at 10:30 AM. Bring a bagged lunch. Easy to moderate hiking; 1—2 miles. Pre-registration preferred; drop-ins require cash or check. \$10/adult, \$5/children 12 and under. Call 331-9622 for details or to pre-register.

Family-Friendly Nature Art

11/21 (10:30 AM—1:30 PM)

Bring your family for an adventure in art! We will look at the work of Andy Goldsworthy for inspiration, and then create our own ephemeral nature art.

Working individually or collectively, we will gather natural objects among the eucalyptus groves or on the beach to create sculptures of beauty.

Included will be plenty of time for discovery and examination of the natural beauty of the Marin Headlands beaches and coastline! Bring your camera to preserve your ephemeral creations! Photographed nature art makes lovely holiday cards!

Bring a bagged lunch. Easy to moderate grade; 1—2 miles. Pre-registration preferred; drop-ins require cash or check. \$10/adult, \$5/children 12 and under. Call 331-9622 for details or to pre-register.

Harvest Festival and Halloween Mask Workshop

10/24 (1:30—4 PM)

Make masks for the season using non-native materials found around the Headlands and sample heirloom apples. Meet artist Katrina Wagner at the Marin Headlands Visitor Center. Reservations required, phone 331-1540.

Hawk Walk (for adults)

9/19 (10:30 AM—1:30 PM)

It's raptor migration season! Come explore the world of raptors for a day of incredible views of the San Francisco Bay area! Our experienced YMCA Point Bonita naturalist will introduce the behaviors, migration patterns, and identifying characteristics of many of the raptors that migrate through in the fall. Bring your binoculars and we will identify many of these amazing birds!

Meet at YMCA Point Bonita at 10:30 AM. Bring a bagged lunch. Easy to moderate grade; 1—2 miles. Pre-reg-

istration preferred; drop-ins require cash or check. \$10/adult. Call 331-9622 for details or to pre-register.

Lighthouses of San Francisco Bay

9/5, 10/3, 11/7 (11 AM—NOON)

Following the discovery of gold in 1848, the Bay Area experienced one of the most explosive population expansions in modern history. During the latter half of that century, the men and women of the lighthouse service, aided by their light and fog signals, directed hundreds of ships to safe passage through the Golden Gate and often provided life-saving services. They played a critical role in the growth of a new state. Join docent Warren Riley for an illustrated talk inside the Marin Headlands Visitor Center. For reservations, phone 331-1540.

Rambling Round Rodeo Cove

9/12 (11 AM—1 PM)

While exploring some Headlands habitats, we'll rove around the lagoon, valley, and beach, seeking what's “uniquely Headlands.” Meet Katrina Wagner at the Marin Headlands Visitor Center for this moderate three-mile hike. Heavy rain cancels. For reservations, phone 331-1540.



Second Saturdays Family Hike & Campfire

9/11, 10/9 (6—8 PM), 11/13 (5—7 PM)

Enjoy the great outdoors after the sun sets with a fun-filled family friendly hike and campfire. Gather 'round the campfire for songs, fun games, and s'mores. E-mail familypprograms@naturebridge.org for registration and information.

Sunset/Full Moon Walk to the Point Bonita Lighthouse

9/23 (6:30—8:30 PM), 10/22 (6—8 PM), 11/21 (4:30—6:30 PM)

Watch the setting sun and greet the rising moon at this wild edge of the continent. The half-mile trail is steep in places. Dress warmly and

bring a flashlight. Meet park staff and docents at the Point Bonita Lighthouse trailhead. Limited to 40 people; program fills quickly. Reservations required; phone 331-1540.

Tennessee Valley Ramble

11/14 (11 AM—1 PM)

On a moderate two-mile, one-way hike to the beach, examine patterns of life on the landscape and imagine how humans have figured in the picture over time. Stay and enjoy lunch on the beach, or hike back at your own pace. Meet Katrina Wagner at the Tennessee Valley trailhead. Heavy rain cancels. For reservations, phone 331-1540.

MILAGRA RIDGE

Of Bombs and Butterflies

10/17 (NOON—2 PM)

Enjoy an easy stroll with Nike veteran David Bridgman along Pacifica's Milagra Ridge, former gun emplacement, Nike missile site, and now the last stand for a quarter-sized endangered butterfly. Turn north (up-hill) at the traffic light at the intersection of Sharp Park Road and College Drive, and meet at the gate. Leashed pets welcome. For information, call (415) 561-4323.

PARK EVENTS

MUIR WOODS/ MUIR BEACH



Open every day, including holidays, between 8 AM and sunset. Muir Beach and Muir Beach Overlook are open from 9 AM to one hour after sunset. The entrance fee

for Muir Woods is \$5 per person, ages 16 and up.

Phone the Muir Woods Hotline at 388-2595 for program information and updates on hours, seasonal news, trail conditions, and program details. All programs meet at the Visitor Center unless otherwise indicated. Visit www.nps.gov/muwo for more information.

Avoid the stresses of parking and driving by riding the Muir Woods Shuttle. Shuttle service is offered on weekends and holidays through the end of September 2010.

This year, the bus will stop at Marin City, and Manzanita Park and Ride Lot. The first bus leaves Marin City for Muir Woods at 9:30 AM and the last bus to depart Muir Woods National Monument is at 7:05 PM. Di-

rect service to/from the Sausalito Ferry is available through Labor Day weekend. Round trip fare costs \$3 per person. For more information visit www.511.org.

ONGOING

Daily Programs

Rangers and volunteers present 15-minute talks and guided one-hour tours when staffing permits. Check the program board at the park entrance for times and locations of talks and tours. No reservations necessary.

Forest Discovery Quest

Muir Woods National Monument is offering an exciting and fun self-guided booklet that is designed for families or groups called *Forest Discovery Quest*.

This rhyming guide through the forest provides clues that lead to a treasure box. This booklet is free and available in our Visitor Center, at the information table, or online.

Muir Woods Junior Rangers

Young people between the ages of 6 and 12 can become Muir Woods Junior Rangers. Booklets are free and available in the Visitor Center, at the information table, or online.

Park Stewardship: Marin County

Saturdays, 10 AM—1 PM

Become a Park Steward and help restore critical habitat and enhance our trail systems at key sites of the Redwood Creek Watershed (Muir Beach, Dias Ridge) and other locations in Marin. Join us for fun and hands-on education—while making a difference for your parks! Meeting locations vary; phone 561-3044 or e-mail volunteer@parksconservancy.org or visit www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer for full details.



Redwood Creek Nursery

Wednesdays (10 AM—1 PM)

Grow and care for native plants and help maintain critical habitat. RSVP for meeting locations and directions; phone 383-4390.

PROGRAMS

Coastal Cleanup Day: Muir Beach and Stinson Beach

9/25 (9 AM—NOON)

Join us for the 26th annual Coastal Cleanup Day! Volunteer to clean Stinson or Muir Beach and enjoy a complimentary BBQ afterwards at the Bay Model in Sausalito. Contact Tammi Skaltsky at 289-3007 or (800) COAST-4U or [coast4u@coastal.ca.gov](http://coast4u.coastal.ca.gov) to learn about opportunities to help at this statewide event.

Fall Walk

on the Dias Ridge Trail

9/12 (9—11 AM)

Enjoy the loveliest season in the Bay Area on the recently restored Dias Ridge Trail. We'll check in on the thousands of native plants that were planted last year, take in the hillside and ocean views as we descend on the trail, and ride back up in the Muir Woodsmobile. Wear good hiking shoes, bring water and a snack. Meet at the Dias Ridge Trailhead on Panoramic Highway. Easy with some steep sections. Reservations required; phone 388-2596.

Keep Our Beaches Beautiful

9/11, 10/9, 11/13 (10 AM—NOON)

The "Keep Our Beaches Beautiful" program is an easy, team-building project that takes only a few hours and contributes to your community. Your help is needed now more than ever. This program helps wildlife habitat both locally and globally. The debris you pick up will not be washed out to sea to be ingested by sea life or added to the garbage patch in the central North Pacific! For details and meeting location, e-mail volunteer@parksconservancy.org or call 561-4751.

Labor Day Weekend Hike

9/4 (9:30 AM—12:30 PM)

Join us on a moderate hike up the newly re-opened Dias Ridge Trail, a labor of love and one of our best examples of skillful trail-building. Along the way, learn about California's wet and dry seasons and how plant communities have adapted to them. Meet at the Muir Beach parking lot picnic tables. Dress in layers, wear good hiking shoes, bring a hat, sunscreen, water, and a snack.

Listening to Muir Woods After Dark

11/21 (3:30—5:30 PM)

As the sun sets below the Dipsea Ridge and Muir Woods transitions

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from day to night, come see and hear the subtle changes of an ancient redwood forest. Travel slowly through the Woods with Ranger Lou Sian on this easy walk in search of the rich sounds of nature that are fast becoming endangered in this busy metropolitan area.

The walk is limited to 15 people. Children under 8 years not advised. Bring a flashlight, dress in layers, and wear sturdy shoes. Reservations required; phone 388-2596.

Muir Beach Stewardship Kickoff

11/14 (9:30 AM—NOON)

After this year's construction work, there will be part of a new creek channel to celebrate! This means lots of plants to plant along the banks, and of course weeding in last year's restored areas.

Winter is coming and so are the salmon, so get ready for the coho run in Redwood Creek by pitching in on habitat enhancements.

Learn about efforts to restore the creek and its floodplain at Muir Beach; then at 1 PM, join us for a Welcome Back Salmon celebration. For details call 561-3077 or e-mail volunteer@parksconservancy.org.

Muir Woods After Hours

9/23 (5:30—7:30 PM), 10/22 (5—7 PM)

Join us for an evening visit through the park. We'll listen for owls, look for bats, and use our senses to guide us through the trails. This is an easy two-mile walk on paved trails. Bring a flashlight, dress in layers, and wear good hiking shoes. Children under 8 not advised. Reservations required; 388-2596. Heavy rain cancels.

National Public Lands Day/Fee Free Day 9/25

National Public Lands Day is the nation's largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance the public lands Americans enjoy. In 2009, 150,000 volunteers built trails and bridges, removed trash and invasive plants, planted trees, and restored our water resources. Entrance to the park is free.

Redwood Creek Watershed Discovery Hike

10/9 (9:30 AM—12:30 PM)

Join other families for an easy three-hour walk from Muir Beach up Redwood Creek to the former Banducci flower farm. We will learn about past creek and pond restorations and how we can apply our knowl-

edge to this winter's work along lower Redwood Creek. As we walk, we'll keep a lookout for red-legged frogs and juvenile steelhead or salmon. Meet at the picnic tables in the Muir Beach parking lot. Dress in layers; wear good hiking shoes; bring a hat, sunscreen, water, and a snack.

Redwood Splendor

10/10 (9—11 AM)

Peaceful and deeply moving, the beautiful old-growth redwood forest is sometimes too difficult to capture in words or photographs. You have to see it!

Venture into the forest on the Fern Creek and Alice Eastwood trails, walk down an old railroad grade, and see why millions of people love and remember this park! Moderately strenuous. Wear good hiking shoes, bring water and snack. Meet at the Muir Woods Visitor Center. Reservations required; phone 388-2596.

Time Travel Among the Redwoods

11/6 (9—11:30 AM)

Can lessons learned from the past help us prepare for our future? Can natural and human-made features in Muir Woods National Monument

help us discover what our future may hold? Join docent Evelyn Rose for an easy, two-mile, interactive hike in Redwood Canyon to travel through time and mingle with nature and history.

Identify features and landmarks that associate with local and world events and how they help enlighten us about what might come. Hike begins and ends at Muir Woods Visitor Center. Group limited to 15. Severe weather cancels. Reservations required; phone 388-2596.



Welcome Back Salmon!

11/14 (1—3 PM)

Join us around a campfire with members of the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria who will say their traditional salmon blessing. Also enjoy storytelling, native craft-making, and traditional fire-start-

ing. Bring your favorite nature readings to wish salmon a strong and healthy return to their home in Redwood Creek.

Families and well-behaved pets welcome. Meet on the beach where the creek meets the ocean. For more information, call 388-2596.

OCEAN BEACH

Keep Our Beaches Beautiful (10 AM—NOON)

- 9/12 (@Noriega)
- 9/19 (@Stairwell #17)
- 10/3 (@Santiago)
- 10/17 (@Stairwell #17)
- 11/7 (@Sloat)
- 11/21 (@Stairwell #17)

The "Keep Our Beaches Beautiful" program is an easy, team-building project that takes only a few hours and contributes to your community. Your help is needed now more than ever. This program helps wildlife habitat both locally and globally. The debris you pick up will not be washed out to sea to be ingested by sea life or added to the garbage patch in the central North Pacific!

For more information, e-mail volunteer@parksconservancy.org or call 561-4751.

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PHLEGER ESTATE

Saved at the Buzzer

10/9 (9:30 AM—2:30 PM)

How did five idealists on a budget save a \$30 million forest?

Join Park Ranger George Durgerian and find out, while hiking through the quietest redwood and mixed evergreen woodlands in the Golden Gate National Parks.

Fairly strenuous, 6½ miles.

Meet at lot beyond entrance kiosk at Huddart County Park in Woodside.

Note: Huddart charges a \$5 entrance fee. Call (415) 561-4323 for reservations and information.

PRESIDIO



Find out about Presidio programs and activities at the Presidio Visitors Center, located at the Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue at Arguello Boulevard (Main Post).

Open daily 9 AM to 5 PM. For information call 561-4323 or visit www.nps.gov/prsf.

ONGOING

Area A (Presidio Shoreline) Maintenance and Landscape

Saturdays (9 AM—NOON)

Volunteer to enhance the visitor experience at sites throughout the coastal region of the Presidio. Project locations include East Beach, Crissy Promenade, Crissy Airfield, Baker Beach, and China Beach. Projects include beach cleanups, vegetation pruning, sand removal, and more. For details, call 561-2899.

Crissy Field Cleanup Day

9/18, 10/16, 11/20 (9 AM)

Bring dogs, friends, and family to this monthly event and help keep Crissy Field clean of litter and dog waste. Bring gloves; trash bags are provided. Clean-up areas include the east and central beaches and the promenade area. Volunteers meet the third Saturday of the month at the East Beach parking lot picnic tables. E-mail Crissy Field Dogs at crissyfielddog@sbcglobal.net for information and to confirm event, as it is occasionally rescheduled.

Crissy Field Landscape

Thursdays (9 AM—NOON)

Help keep Crissy Field clean, green, and free of invasive weeds. Projects

include beach cleanups, trail maintenance along the promenade, broad-leaf plant removal, and reseeding from greenbelt areas. Appropriate for adults and youth ages 10 and up (chaperones are suggested for youth under age 18). RSVP is requested; call 561-2899.

Park Stewardship: San Francisco

Thursdays and Saturdays, (1—4 PM)

Become a Park Steward and help restore unique San Francisco coastal habitat and enhance our trail systems along the coastal bluffs in the Presidio and at Lands End. Volunteer activities include weeding, watering, seed collection, litter removal, sign and fence maintenance, and planting. Join us for an afternoon of outdoor fun and hands-on education. Appropriate for adults, families, and youth ages 14 and up (chaperones are suggested for youth under age 18). Meeting locations vary; phone 385-3065 for details.

Presidio Forestry

Second Fridays (9 AM—NOON)

Help the Presidio Trust take care of young trees in the Presidio's reforestation areas. Volunteers assist with maintenance of these areas

through weeding, mulching, and other stewardship activities. Please join us for a fun and rewarding experience, and meet others, like you, who love the Presidio forest! For information: 561-5333 or volunteer@presidiotrust.gov.

Presidio Native Plant Nursery

Wednesdays and Saturdays (1—4 PM)

This nursery grows more than 60,000 plants per year! Learn to grow and care for native plants by transplanting seedlings, pruning, composting, seed collecting, and outplanting. Appropriate for adults and youth ages 10 and up (chaperones are suggested for youth under age 18). Meet at the nursery, which is located at 1244 Appleton Street, San Francisco. For more information, call 561-4826.

Presidio Park Stewards

Wednesdays, Saturdays, Third Sundays (9 AM—NOON)

Help enhance rare native plant habitat and create important wildlife corridors in the Presidio of San Francisco while learning about dune and serpentine systems and working in diverse habitats. Activities include invasive plant removal and native plant revegetation. Appropriate for adults and youth ages 10 and up (chaperones suggested for youth under age 18). Meet at 8:50 AM at Crissy Field Center, 603 Mason St. (at Halleck). Phone 561-3034, ext. 3445, to RSVP and for details.

Presidio Plant Patrol

Fridays (1—4 PM)

Help eradicate noxious weeds that pose threats to the native biodiversity of Presidio plants and animals. Work sites are in many of the Presidio's out-of-the-way areas. Appropriate for adults and youth ages 10 and up (chaperones suggested for youth under age 18). Meet at 12:50 PM at Crissy Field Center, 603 Mason St. (at Halleck). RSVP requested; phone 561-3034, ext. 3445.

AT THE PRESIDIO OFFICERS' CLUB EXHIBITION HALL:

Water + Color: California Watercolor Association 41st National Exhibition

Wednesday through Sunday (11 AM—5 PM); through 9/19

PARK EVENTS

The Last Gun

9/4, 9/5, 10/2, 10/3, 11/6, 11/7 (11 AM—3 PM)

How can a 50-ton gun simply disappear? Learn this and more while helping load and aim the last operational gun of its kind. Photos of the century-old Endicott system batteries in action are on display in an underground cartridge room. In case of rain, call 561-4323 for schedule. Located at Battery Chamberlin, north end of Baker Beach parking lot.

Presidio Rocks! Geology Hike

9/23 (2—4:30 PM)

Learn the 160-million-year history under the Presidio with Park Ranger Will Elder. Our hike will begin at Baker Beach, climb up the sand ladder, and wind us through the park on the Batteries to Bluffs Trail. This strenuous four-mile hike will show you why the Presidio rocks!

Free. Required registration deadline: Tuesday, September 7. To register or to become a Parks Conservancy member, call 561-3060 or e-mail membership@parksconservancy.org.

Open 11 AM to 3 PM, first full weekend of each month.

PROGRAMS

A Walk in the Presidio Forest

9/5 (10 AM—1 PM)

Take a strenuous six-mile walk through the trees that the U.S. Army planted over 100 years ago, and hear a park ranger who will share a historical narrative. Bring water and an optional lunch. Meet Ranger Rik Penn at the visitor center located in the Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

Comandante del Presidio

9/4 (10—11:30 AM)

Jose Joaquin de la Santisima Trinidad Moraga, the Presidio's first Comandante, was ordered by the Viceroy of New Spain to build the Presidio of San Francisco in 1776. This program features stories of Moraga's role in the development of the Presidio, Pueblo, and Mission Dolores, as well as of the contributions the Native Ohlone were coaxed into making.

Join Ranger Eddie Arias for a tour of the oldest building in San Francisco and for a short stroll around the Presidio's Main Post. Meet at the Of-

ficers' Club, 50 Moraga Ave., near corner of Arguello Blvd.

Reservations required; call 561-4323.

Concerts at the Presidio 2010

9/9, 9/10, 11/11, 11/12 (7:30 PM)

Join us at the Golden Gate Club for this concert series. Call 561-5500 or visit www.presidio.gov for more information.

Creating Sustainable Parks

11/13 (10 AM—NOON)

Learn how the Presidio Trust and the Golden Gate National Parks are creating sustainable parks—leading by example and helping visitors decrease their impact on the environment.

Meet Ranger Will Elder at the Crissy Field Center Plaza, at 1199 East Beach, Presidio. Reservations required; phone 561-4323.

Crissy Field Aviation Walk

10/9 (10 AM—NOON)

Explore Crissy Field and learn about its role in early aviation history on this easy, one-mile walk. Meet docent Don Gray at the Warming Hut, at the west end of Mason Street. Reservations required; please call 561-4323.



Discover Lower Tennessee Hollow Watershed

11/9 (NOON—1 PM)

Join docent Barbara Corff for an easy one-mile walk to check up on the growth of restored habitat at Lower Tennessee Hollow (Thompson Reach). Come see what riparian life is all about. Envision the future ecotone area between the Crissy salt-water marsh and the freshwater of Tennessee Hollow Watershed. Discover Presidio history as we explore this supply route for the post's Quartermaster Corps. Wear shoes suitable for descending and climbing slopes. Rain cancels. Meet the docent at the northwest corner of YM-CA parking lot (Funston and Lincoln). Reservations required; please phone 561-4323.

From Post to Park

9/15, 10/13, 11/17 (1—3 PM)

Learn about the past, present, and future of the Presidio on a moderate one-mile walk. Meet docent Rich Harned at the Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue, near corner of Arguello Boulevard. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

Geology of the Golden Gate Headlands

10/2 (10 AM—3 PM)

Explore 200 million years of geologic history and learn the fascinating story told by the rocks at the Golden Gate. Bring a lunch and wear comfortable walking shoes and a coat. Trip includes a short but strenuous walk down and up a 200-foot bluff. Meet Ranger Will Elder at the Officers' Club, 50 Moraga, near corner

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of Arguello Blvd. We will car pool to the Marin Headlands. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

National Cemetery Walk

9/16, 9/25, 10/7, 10/30, 11/11
(10 AM—NOON)

Hear about Medal of Honor recipients, a Union spy, an Indian scout, Buffalo Soldiers, and others buried here. Dress warmly. This one-mile walk has a steep uphill climb. Rain cancels. Meet docent Galen Dillman at the Cemetery Gate, Sheridan Avenue and Lincoln Boulevard. Reservations required; phone 561-4323.

Patriotism and Prejudice

11/14 (1—3 PM)

Japanese-American soldiers trained here for intelligence work and were sent to war as their families were moved to internment camps. Learn about this poignant irony on an easy, half-mile walk. Meet Ranger James Osborne at the Presidio Transit Center, Lincoln Blvd. and Graham Street. Reservations required; please call 561-4323. ☺

Pedaling the Presidio

9/19 (1—3 PM)

Cycle through time. Spin your pedals and explore history and scenery on this six-mile, moderately strenuous

bicycle ride through the Presidio. Helmet required. Meet Ranger James Osborne at the Crissy Field Center Plaza at 1199 East Beach, Presidio. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

Presidio Birdlife

9/25 (9:30—11:30 AM)

See and learn about the diverse Presidio birdlife on a moderate one-mile walk. Meet Ranger Will Elder at the Crissy Field Center Plaza at 1199 East Beach, Presidio. Reservations required; please phone 561-4323. ☺

Shuttle Through Time

9/3, 10/1, 10/16, 11/6, 11/19 (11—11:45 AM)
Take the PresidiGo shuttle and travel through time as you hear stories spanning the centuries. Meet the park ranger at the Presidio Transit Center, corner of Graham Street and Lincoln Blvd. Reservations required; call 561-4323. X

Tennessee Hollow Story

10/12 (NOON—1 PM)

Through firsthand accounts, learn about the scrappy volunteer regiment from Tennessee whose name was given to this encampment during the Spanish American War. Tour the watershed where regiments of volunteers pitched tents, drilled, and

prepared to be shipped to the Philippines. Visit a historic bridge over the stream and a meadow where plants were tended for the 1915 Pan Pacific Exposition. Meet docent Barbara Corff at the visitor center located in the Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue, near corner of Arguello Boulevard. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

Tennessee Hollow Watershed

9/14 (NOON—1 PM)

Discover the rich natural and cultural history of El Polin Springs and learn about plans for restoring this beautiful watershed on a moderate one-mile walk. Wear shoes suitable for descending and climbing slopes. Meet docent Barbara Corff at Inspiration Point, near the Arguello Gate. Reservations required; phone 561-4323.

The Guns of San Francisco

10/17 (10 AM—NOON)

Learn how soldiers manned gun emplacements around the Golden Gate to protect San Francisco's harbor for two centuries. Meet Ranger James Osborne at Battery East parking lot, Lincoln Boulevard, near Golden Gate Bridge. Reservations required; phone 561-4323.

The Haunted Presidio

10/30, 10/31 (6:30—8 PM)

Join a park ranger and docent-led tour and learn about the mysteries and unexplained events of the Presidio's 200-year history. Parental guidance suggested.

Dress warmly, wear comfortable shoes, and bring a flashlight.

Meet Ranger Rik Penn at the corner of Lincoln Boulevard and Funston Avenue for a moderate one-mile walk.

Space limited. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

William Kent Society Presidio Habitats Hike

10/23 (10 AM—1 PM) M



Come enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour of Presidio Habitats, a site-based art exhibition celebrating the wild Presidio. Your tour guides will include Cheryl Haines, Executive Director of the FOR-SITE Foundation, and Presidio specialists from the Presidio Trust and Parks Conservancy. We'll begin at the Exhibition Pavilion, which will be opened exclusively for our group, and take a three-mile guided hike of the outdoor art works. Soak up spectacular views, explore hidden historic gardens and forests, stroll along the Presidio's newest trail, and see the park like never before. Bring water and sun protection; wear layers and hiking shoes. The hike will be followed by a complimentary Presidio picnic.

Open to William Kent Society members.

Required RSVP deadline: Friday, October 15.

To RSVP and to learn more about becoming a Kent Society member, contact Sarah Charukesnant at (415) 561-3024 or scharukesnant@parksconservancy.org.

PARK EVENTS



The Presidio From Gold Rush to the Civil War

11/20 (1—2:30 PM)

Field artillery, infantry, mounted dragoons, and deserters. Erasmus Keyes, Henry Halleck, William Tecumseh Sherman, and Eadweard Muybridge. They were all among the cast of characters who played prominent roles in the volatile era from the Gold Rush to the Civil War when the Presidio grew from a frontier outpost to a major military installation and defender of the Golden Gate. Meet docent Bob Bowen at the Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue, near corner of Arguello Boulevard. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

Three Flags of the Presidio

9/18, 10/23 (11 AM—NOON)
11/7 (1—3 PM)

Take a short walk and hear stories of the Presidio while under the flags of Spain, Mexico, and the United States. Meet the ranger at the Officers' Club building, 50 Moraga near corner of Arguello Boulevard. Reservations required; phone 561-4323. ☺

Walk Crissy Field and Learn Its History

9/17, 10/15 (11 AM—12:30 PM)

Come out for an easy two-mile round trip walk on the revitalized Crissy Field Shoreline Promenade. Learn about the people who have lived here and how they cared for the environment, and about the recent restoration of the tidal salt marsh and East Beach. Meet docent Jeannette Bonifas in front of the Crissy Field Center at 1199 East Beach. Reservations required; call 561-4323. ☺

SAN MATEO COUNTY

Park Stewardship: San Mateo County

Saturdays, 10 AM—1 PM

Become a Park Steward and help restore critical habitat and enhance

our trail systems in the national parklands of San Mateo County (such as Milagra Ridge and Mori Point). Join us for outdoor fun and hands-on education—while making a difference for your parks! Meeting locations vary; phone 561-3044 or e-mail volunteer@parksconservancy.org or visit www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer for full details.

PROGRAM

360 Degrees of Pacifica

9/4 (9/9:30 AM—3 PM)

A grand tour of the three national park sites in San Mateo County. Join Park Ranger George Durgerian on a 6½-mile, fairly strenuous hike to Milagra Ridge, Sweeney Ridge, and Mori Point. Hear the stories of bombs, bootlegging, and bedeviled bulldozers that make these sites great. Bring lunch, water, and good shoes. Meet at Salada Beach Café, 220 Paloma, Pacifica at 9 AM for breakfast or 9:30 for the hike. Call (415) 561-4323 for reservations and information.

STINSON BEACH

The beach is open daily for picnics and recreational activities, from 9 AM to shortly after sunset. For up-

dates on hours and latest surf, tide, road, and weather conditions, phone 868-1922.

SUTRO HEIGHTS/ SUTRO BATHS

For information, phone 561-4323.

SWEENEY RIDGE

San Francisco Bay Discovery Day Hike

11/6
10 AM (presentation)
11 AM—2 PM (hike)



How did Spanish explorers—lost, ailing, and on foot—discover one of the greatest bays in the world? Join Park Ranger George Durgerian as we follow in the footsteps of Captain Gaspar de Portola's expedition to Sweeney Ridge. This will be a two-part program, with a presentation and a hike. Directions: Presentation begins at 10 AM in Pacifica's Community Center on the corner of Highway 1 and Crespi in Pacifica. The hike begins at 11 AM at the far east end of Fassler Avenue in Pacifica. Leashed dogs welcome.

Reservations requested; phone (415) 561-4323.

The Russians are Coming!

9/19, 11/14 (NOON—3 PM)

How did the fear of Russia save Sweeney Ridge?

Find out as you hike with one of the most knowledgeable guides in town. Nike missile veteran David Bridgman will show you how Russia indirectly changed the course of these parklands. This moderately strenuous hike starts at the far west end of Sneath Lane in San Bruno; from Skyline Boulevard, turn west and meet at the trailhead. Leashed dogs welcome.

Reservations requested; phone (415) 561-4323.



PARK PARTNERS



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The Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy is the nonprofit membership organization created to preserve the Golden Gate National Parks, enhance the experiences of park visitors, and build a community dedicated to conserving the parks for the future.

We seek private contributions to augment federal funds for the parks and work in collaboration with the National Park Service and the Presidio Trust to improve park sites, enlist volunteers in restoration projects, provide services and education programs for visitors and local communities, and engage diverse audiences in the national parks at the Golden Gate. To learn more about the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, visit our website, www.parksconservancy.org, or phone (415) 561-3000.



THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

The National Park Service (NPS) manages the Golden Gate National Parks, as well as 391 other park sites across the United States. Established in 1916, the mission of the NPS is to conserve the scenery, natural and historic resources, and wildlife within these park lands and to provide for their enjoyment by future generations. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/goga, or phone (415) 561-4700.



THE PRESIDIO TRUST

Responsible for the transformation of the Presidio from an historic Army post into a premier national park that is financially self-sustaining, the Trust is leading the nation's largest historic preservation project, restoring the park's buildings and landscapes, and creating innovative programs. For more information, visit www.presidio.gov, or call (415) 561-5300.

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When you join the Parks Conservancy, you'll be able to take advantage of our unique events and activities just for members and you'll be supporting your Golden Gate National Parks! Your tax-deductible gift will help us protect endangered species and their habitats, preserve landmarks, improve trails, enhance visitor amenities, develop park education programs, and much more. As a Parks Conservancy member, you'll enjoy special benefits and discover the best adventures the parks have to offer!

There are three easy ways to join:

Call: (415) 561-3060

E-mail: membership@parksconservancy.org

Join online at: www.parksconservancy.org

WEEKLY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

PROGRAM	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Beaches: Cleanups & Maintenance							
Muir Beach Cleanup						10 AM–NOON (2ND SAT)	
Ocean Beach Cleanup							10 AM–NOON (1ST & 3RD SUN)
Habitats: Restore & Monitor Critical Habitat							
Marin Programs			10 AM–2 PM (SEASONAL)			10 AM–1 PM	9:30 AM–2:30 PM
San Francisco Programs			9 AM–NOON	1–4 PM	1–4 PM	9 AM–NOON & 1–4 PM	9 AM–NOON (3RD SUN)
San Mateo Programs						10 AM–1 PM	
Landscapes & Historic Sites: Groundskeeping & Site Restoration							
Alcatraz Gardens*			8:30 AM–12:30 PM		8:30 AM–12:30 PM		
Fort Baker Stewardship	10 AM–NOON (1ST MON)						
Presidio Forestry					9 AM–NOON (2ND FRI)		
Presidio Shoreline (Crissy Field & Area A)				9 AM–NOON		9 AM–NOON	
Plant Nurseries: Grow & Care for Plants							
Fort Funston Nursery						9:30 AM–12:30 PM	
Marin Headlands Nursery			1–4 PM			9 AM–NOON	
Presidio Nursery			1–4 PM			1–4 PM	
Redwood Creek Nursery			10 AM–1 PM				
Tennessee Valley Nursery		10 AM–NOON & 1–4 PM					
Trails: Repair, Construct, & Monitor Trails							
Golden Gate Trail Crew (Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo)						9 AM–NOON (3RD SAT, APR–OCT)	
Presidio Trust Trail Crew		10 AM–1 PM (2ND TUES)					

GIVE BACK TO THE PARKS DURING BEAUTIFUL FALL

Clear and warm days are a hallmark of Bay Area autumns. What better way to make the most of the season than to volunteer in the Golden Gate National Parks? Our drop-in programs offer something for everyone!

Tools and training are provided and no regular time commitment is required. Please wear sturdy shoes, dress in layers (in clothes that you won't mind getting dirty), and be sure to bring water and a lunch or snack.

To learn about the volunteer opportunities listed to the left, see the site-specific pages of this publication, or visit www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer.

Most opportunities are drop-in (unless otherwise noted), but we recommend phoning ahead, as meeting locations, times, and projects may vary. For more information, call (415) 561-3077, or e-mail volunteer@parksconservancy.org. Volunteer programs are a cooperative, parkwide effort of the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, the National Park Service, and the Presidio Trust.

* Registration required

For registration and more information, call (415) 561-3077 or e-mail volunteer@parksconservancy.org

GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL PARKS

The Golden Gate National Recreation Area (commonly known as the Golden Gate National Parks) extends 80 miles north and south of the Golden Gate, creating a vast greenbelt along the Pacific Ocean. Within its boundaries are ancient redwoods, historic landmarks, miles of hiking trails, rocky shorelines, rare and endangered species, lush coastal wilderness, and breathtaking vistas. Take an hour, an afternoon, a day, or more and discover the national parks at our doorstep.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police/Fire/Ambulance..... 911

PARK VISITOR CENTERS, BOOKSTORES, AND CAFÉS

Alcatraz Island Bookstores..... (415) 561-4922
 Alcatraz Ranger Station..... (415) 561-4900
 Beach Hut at Crissy Field Center..... (415) 561-7761
 Cafe Crissy..... (415) 561-7756
 Crissy Field Warming Hut
 Bookstore and Café..... (415) 561-3040
 Fort Mason/Park Hqrs. (M–F)(415) 561-4700
 TDD/V (415) 556-2766
 Fort Point Visitor Center (Fri–Sun)..... (415) 556-1693
 TDD (415) 561-4399
 Marin Headlands Visitor Center..... (415) 331-1540
 Muir Woods Visitor Center..... (415) 388-2596
 Muir Woods Nature Hotline..... (415) 388-2595
 National Park Store at Pier 39..... (415) 433-7221
 Presidio Visitor Center..... (415) 561-4323
 TTY (415) 561-4314

ADDITIONAL HELPFUL NUMBERS

Alcatraz Night Tour..... (415) 561-4926
 Alcatraz Program Information..... (415) 561-4900
 Crissy Field Center..... (415) 561-7690
 Fort Mason Center Information Line..... (415) 345-7544
 Golden Gate Club..... (415) 561-2582
 Beach Chalet Visitor Center,
 Golden Gate Park..... (415) 751-2766
 Habitat Restoration Team..... (415) 561-4747
 Historic Nike Missile Site..... (415) 331-1453
 Native Plant Nurseries
 Fort Funston..... (415) 239-4247
 Marin Headlands..... (415) 332-5193
 Muir Woods..... (415) 383-4390
 Presidio..... (415) 561-4830
 Tennessee Valley..... (415) 331-0732
 Pacifica Visitor Center..... (650) 355-4122
 Point Reyes National Seashore..... (415) 464-5100
 Presidio Park Stewards..... (415) 561-3034 x 3445
 San Francisco Maritime
 National Historical Park Museum..... (415) 561-7100
 Park Stewardship Program..... (415) 561-3073
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 Volunteer Information..... (415) 561-4755
 (415) 561-3077

Please call (415) 561-4700 (M–F)
 for information about park sites
 not listed on this page.

NATIONAL PARKS ON THE INTERNET

GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL RECREATION AREA
www.nps.gov/goga

ALCATRAZ www.nps.gov/alcatraz

FORT POINT www.nps.gov/fopo

MUIR WOODS www.nps.gov/muwu

PRESIDIO www.nps.gov/prsf

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GOLDEN GATE RAPTOR OBSERVATORY
www.ggro.org

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 MARINE SANCTUARY** www.farallones.org

HISTORIC NIKE MISSILE SITE
www.nps.gov/goga/nike-missile-site.htm

PRESIDIO TRUST www.presidio.gov

**SAN FRANCISCO MARITIME NATIONAL
 HISTORICAL PARK** www.nps.gov/safr

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